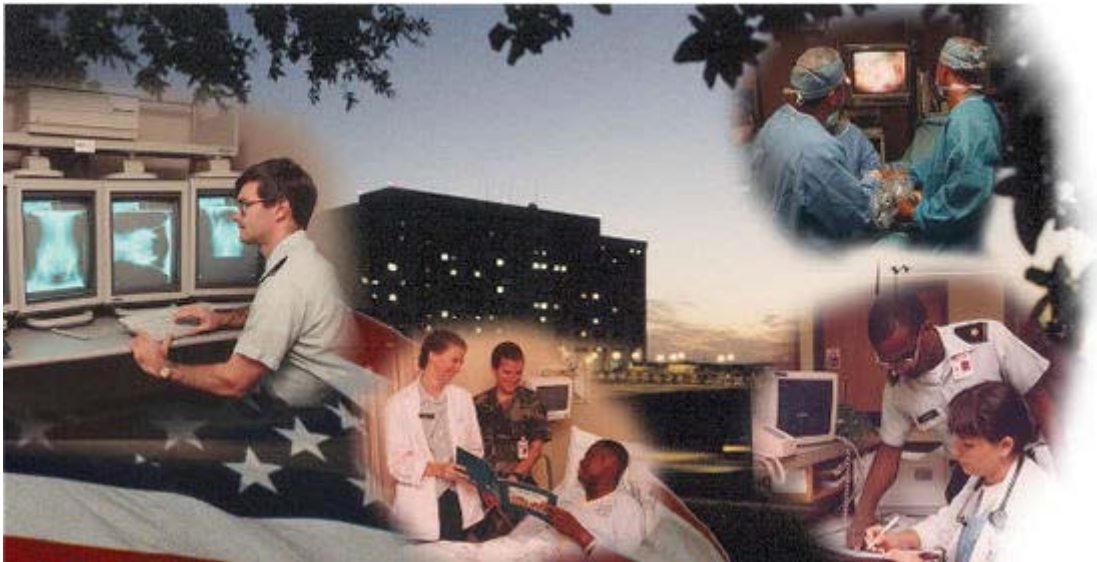




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Initial Report Fort Gordon Demonstration Program

Fort Gordon FY'02 PEM Demonstration Project

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## Introduction

Fuel Cells convert the chemical energy of a fuel into useable electric and thermal energy without an intermediate combustion or mechanical process. In that respect, they are similar to batteries. However, unlike batteries, fuel cells oxidize externally supplied fuel and therefore do not need recharging. Ever since National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) adopted fuel cell power for the Apollo Space program, American industry has been fascinated by the prospects for their use on earth as well.

When integrated with a fuel processor and a solid-state power conditioner, the fuel cell power system becomes one that produces clean, quiet and reliable electric power and heat. Several manufacturers are currently hard at work to translate the basic technology into consumer products. As advances in PEM technology and mass production converge to introduce competitively costs systems into the marketplace, many are betting that small-scale fuel cell generators will soon be ready to tackle thousands of residential and small-scale commercial power applications. These new appliances will be packaged energy systems providing both heat and electricity that will be able to operate with or without the local utility grid.

Until recently, however, the promise of fuel cell technology has been slow to advance beyond a narrow beachhead commonly referred to as the "early adopter" marketplace. Broader market appeal has been constrained by fits, false starts and premature expectations raised by eager manufacturers; but also high prices, skepticism, and not a little resistance by parochial interests have all restricted the opportunity. Notwithstanding, during the decade of the 1990s, the UTC PC25C Fuel Cell program, assisted by a significant DOD investment, gradually established a solid record of achievement and customer satisfaction at numerous US locations and around the world. Installations sites included military hospitals, commercial buildings, banks, food processing facilities, data processing centers, police stations, and airports.

While many of these "early adopters" hosted pure technology demonstration projects, the industry gained valuable experience and knowledge because of them. More recently, however, customers have warmed to the proposition that fuel cells have real performance advantages in various combined heat and critical power applications (CHP). Perhaps their attitudes and business practices may be adjusting to accommodate an uncertain energy landscape. Clearly, many energy providers are scrambling to maintain their market base, others are floundering, and still others are stalking new opportunity. Nevertheless, they are all discovering that informed consumers have gained new leverage through the power of choice. Increasingly, newspaper articles, periodicals and other media outlets are scoring direct hits with stories about fuel cells. Policy makers are out front raising expectations of a cleaner, highly efficient fuel cell/hydrogen based

economy of the future. The signals are clear. Initiative and momentum are driving a rapidly maturing fuel cell industry.

Certainly one reason is because fuel cell technology represents, perhaps, the most exciting and innovative development in the energy industry today. In some ways the technology is maturing more rapidly and markets are developing more quickly than the supporting infrastructure, codes and standards are able to accommodate. However, as technology demonstrations increasingly give way to CHP fuel cell installations that provide practical solutions to demanding consumer requirements, such roadblocks should get resolved as consumer and utility interests find common ground. For example, in most applications, large-scale fuel cell installations may off-load significant power resources during critical grid demand intervals, serving utility interests, while providing "hot" back-up for mission essential loads in commercial and even residential applications. Additionally, they may also provide Btus for heating and cooling loads- demonstrating the dual benefits of enhancing grid stability and promoting energy conservation.

At the small scale and residential end of the fuel cell spectrum, the opportunity is just as promising for the rapid expansion of distributed power generation. Conceivably, thousands of 3kW to 5kW CHP fuel cells in homes and small businesses across the country could within several years displace hundreds of MWhs of electricity and millions of Btus with clean, efficient and reliable energy service. If this occurs, it could have a dramatic impact on both the energy industry, and on the nation's economy and security. Consumers, not utilities, could begin displacing environmentally disruptive generation methods, thereby forcing changes in the industry. As providers of grid resources, they may one day collectively enhance grid stability in many areas, boosting efficiency and conservation norms, and having a decided impact on the evolution of national energy policy.

Against this backdrop, the US Army Corps of Engineers Construction Engineering Research Lab (CERL) has contracted with LOGANEnergy through its FY'02 PEM Demonstration Program to engage a progressive fuel cell energy strategy to inform future DOD policy and planning. Broadly speaking, this engagement directs LOGAN to purchase and install residential and small-scale fuel cell power plants, and then test and evaluate their performance in widespread applications at selected military installations. Three events make this program very timely. They are (a) the complexities and perplexities of utility deregulation juxtaposed with, (b) base utility privatization programs, and (c) the nascent interest in distributed generation / CHP technologies that promise more efficient utilization of resources.

If the fuel cell industry appeared very much ahead of a languid power market in the recent past, today those markets are in comparative turmoil. Prices and availability, in some cases, are volatile and beyond the comprehension of energy managers and consumers alike. Consumers who

are seeking innovative and efficient energy solutions for greater comfort, convenience and reliability are adding a new urgency. If the fuel cell industry can capitalize on these conditions, it will have a rich market opportunity, but it will have to deliver energy services and benefits that are immediate, site specific, cost effective, energy efficient, and certifiably green!

In order to test and evaluate the state of PEM fuel cell technology against these challenges, LOGANEnergy Corporation will demonstrate over the course of a year a PEM small-scale fuel cell at Fort Gordon, GA. The project will be guided by an operations plan that will direct the installation, testing, evaluation and reporting on the performance of the unit. The objectives of the plan include;

1. Evaluating installation methods in order to help standardize safe and cost effective installation practices,
2. Evaluating "out of the box" reliability and interoperability with existing facility electrical and mechanical systems / infrastructure,
3. Evaluating actual PEM operating characteristics as compared to manufacturer representations,
4. Measuring the cost of operating a PEM unit under real market conditions,
5. Measuring, collecting and analyzing operating data including, total load hours, availability, kW production, fuel consumption, water consumption, forced outages, serviceability, and manufacturer's support.
6. Introducing PEM technology, power distribution and energy efficiency to DOD and local stakeholders in the community.

The project will be led by LOGANEnergy and supported by the Fort Gordon Advanced Power Technology Office, Plug Power and Energy Signature Associates.

## Fort Gordon PEM Site Selection and Installation



**Figure 1, Army University of Technology Resource Center**

In October 1995 LOGANEnergy first met with met with Mr. Curtis Oglesby, Chief Engineer of the Directorate of Public Utilities at Fort Gordon. The purpose was to try to interest Fort. Gordon in siting a fuel cell there with the financial assistance of DOD Climate Change Funds. That early initiative did not materialize, but LOGAN continued to maintain a cordial relationship with Mr. Oglesby over the ensuing years.

In preparation for the FY'02 CERL PEM Demonstration Program submittal, LOGAN approached Mr. Oglesby with the idea of submitting Fort Gordon for a PEM demonstration project in June 2002. Fort Gordon site did not make the first cut, but in August 2003, CERL notified LOGAN that additional funds would be available to move forward with the Fort Gordon project.

In December 2003, Fort Gordon hosted a project kick-off meeting that was attended by representatives of CERL, LOGAN and representatives of the Directorate of Public Works. At the meeting, Mr. Glen Stubblefield, Fort Gordon project engineer, announced that the site selection team had changed the project site from the Garrison Commander's residence to the Army University of Technology Resource Center, building 40201. Mr. Stubblefield explained that the Commander had just decided his residence should not serve as the project site. Following the meeting, the group toured the new site and met with the information technology staff who were all very pleased with the change of venue. On January 14, 2004 Plug delivered GenSys SN#246 fuel cell to Fort Gordon.

Figures 1 and 2, above and at right, are photos of the front entrance and rear, respectively, of the Fort Gordon Army University of Technology Resource Center, building 40201. The rear view shows the facility's gas service outside the mechanical room doorway also captured in the view. The fuel cell pad will occupy the space just to the right of the gas meter.

**Figure 2, Pad Site at Rear of Building**



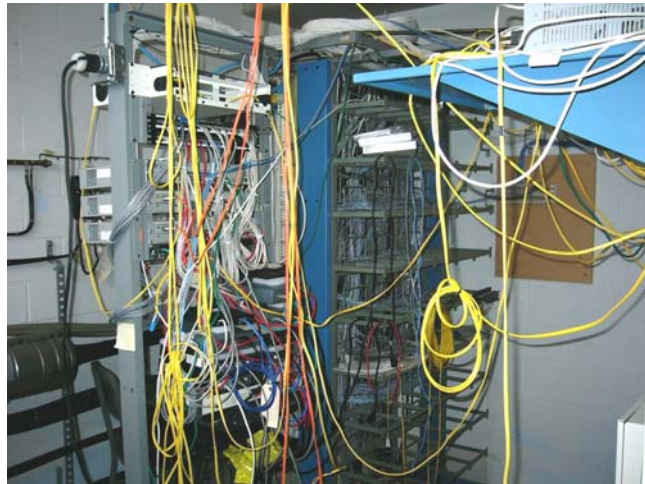




Figure 3, at left, is a view of the service panel in the mechanical room, noted above, that distributes power throughout the Technology Resource Center. The fuel cell will be wired to the panel in a spare cubicle housing a 60Amp circuit breaker. A critical load panel will be placed nearby and LOGAN will transfer critical 110vac Server and UPS circuits to the new panel. These loads will be powered by the fuel cell in the event of grid failure on the base during the one-year demonstration period.

**Figure 3, Electric Service Panel**

Figure 4, at the right, is a view of the Technology Resource Center server room. A UPS that has approximately 15 minutes of battery back up currently protects the system. This is sufficient to allow the facility to go through a controlled shutdown following a power failure. The new critical load panel to be installed with the fuel cell will support the UPS rectifier circuit to keep the Resource Center online during power failures.



**Figure 4, Server Room**

The utility pole mounted transformers, seen at left in [Figure 5](#), are a typical means of providing service to clusters of small buildings on DOD facilities. This is the same service configuration that LOGAN encountered at its Fort Jackson project where fuel cell power was available to the two adjacent homes served by the other two pole mounted transformers. Similarly, fuel cell power provided at the Resource Center will be available to the adjacent buildings.



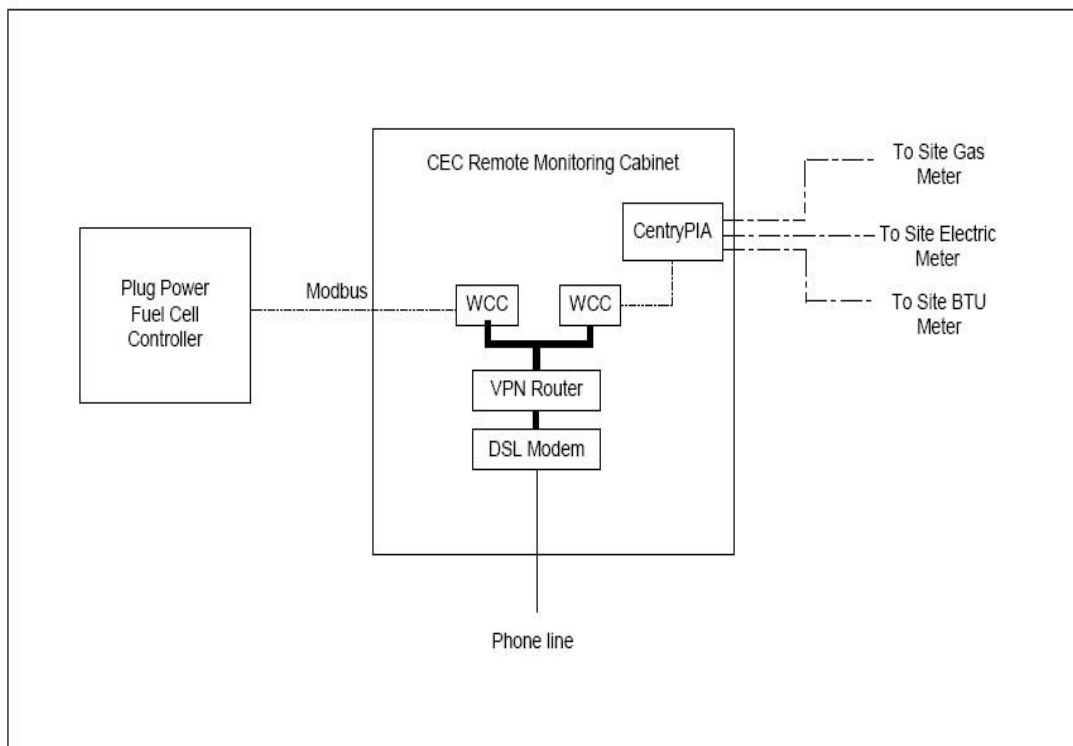
**Figure 5, Utility Feed to the Resource Center**



## Site Communications Package



Following is the drawing of Connected Energy equipment necessary to commission Plug Power fuel cell genset sites in order to communicate with a remote and central data center securely via the Internet. One CENTRY<sub>WCC</sub> communicates with the Plug Power controller, and another CENTRY<sub>WCC</sub> is dedicated to interface with the site meters and sensors via CENTRY<sub>PIA</sub>. The CENTRY<sub>PIA</sub> allows communication with multiple pulse or analog inputs. The VPN router at the site encrypts the traffic between the site and the data center to make a very secure connection, similar to what banks use to send financial information over the Internet. The modem is optional. If the site allows for direct network access, no modem is necessary (see cost reduction discussion following). Other modems can be used at sites where access or cost drives alternative communication strategies to DSL.



Once the system is operational, real time operating and performance may be viewed at <https://www.enerview.com/EnerView/login.asp>. The login id is *logan.user* with a password of *guest*. Then click on the 4<sup>th</sup> District Coast Guard box.

**Figure 6, Fuel Cell Virtual Private Network (VPN) Communications Pack**

## Installation Line Diagram

### Fort Gordon PEM Installation Line Diagram

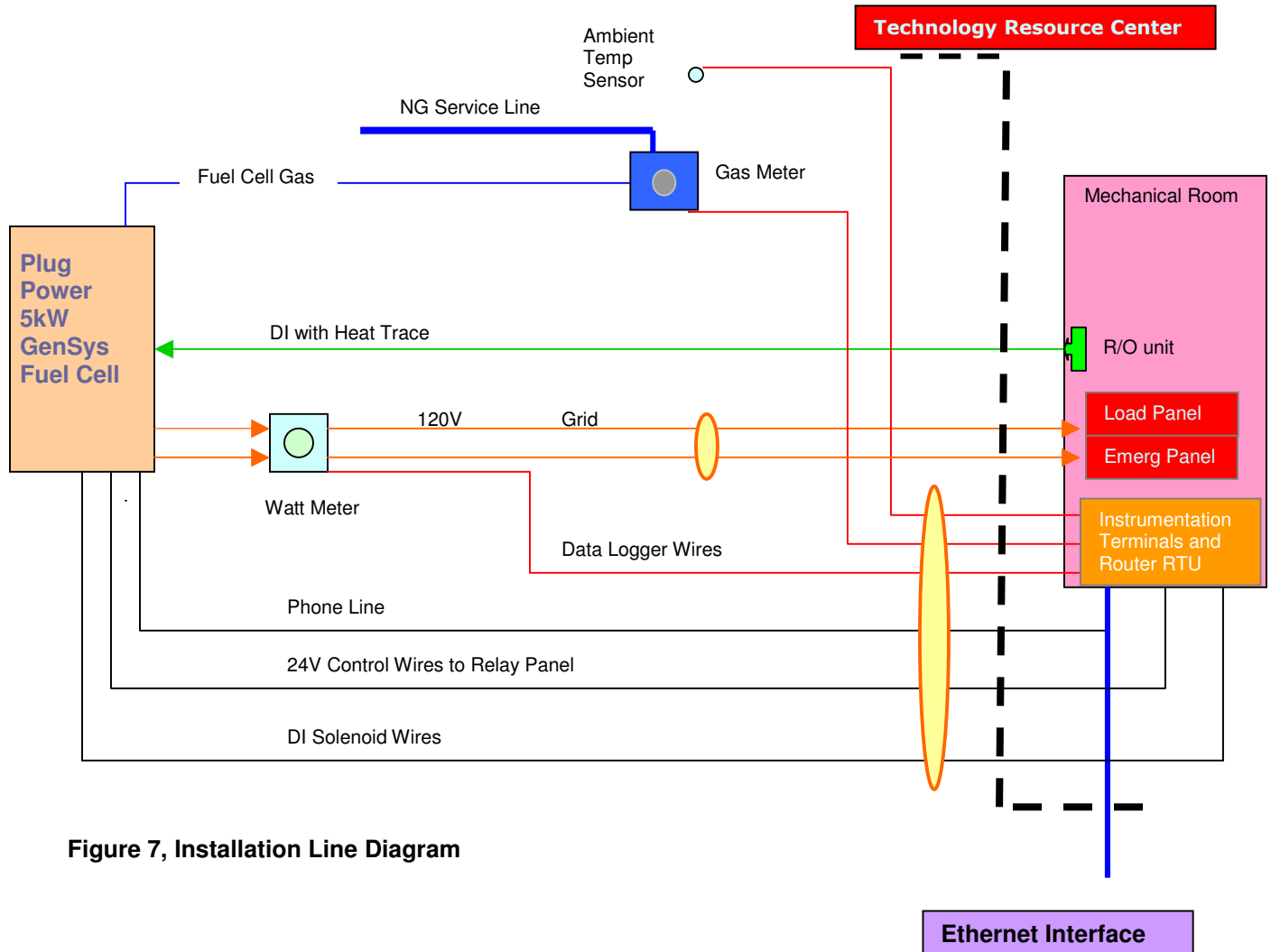
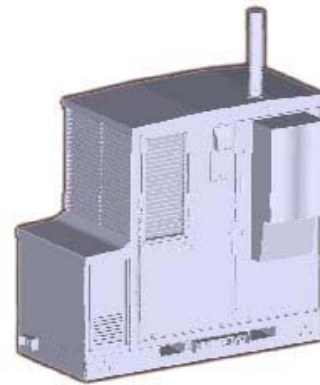


Figure 7, Installation Line Diagram

## Plug Power GenSys 5C PEM Fuel Cell Plant



<b>Specifications</b>		
Physical	Size (L X W X H):	84 1/2" X 32" X 68 1/4"
Performance	Power rating: _____	5kW continuous
	Power set points: _____	2.5kW, 4kW, 5kW
	Voltage: _____	120/240 VAC @ 60Hz
	Power Quality: _____	IEEE 519
	Emissions: _____	NO <sub>x</sub> < 5ppm
		SO <sub>x</sub> < 1ppm
		Noise < 70 dBA @ 1meter
Operating Conditions	Temperature: _____	0°F to 104°F
	Elevation: _____	0 to 750 feet
	Installation: _____	Outdoor/CHP
	Electrical Connection: _____	GC/GI
	Fuel: _____	Natural Gas
Certifications	Power Generation: _____	CSA International
	Power Conditioning: _____	UL
	Electromagnetic Compliance: _____	FCC Class B
<b><u>Dimensions</u></b>		
	Length _____	84 inches
	Width _____	32 inches
	Height _____	68 1/4 inches
<b><u>Operating Requirements</u></b>		
	Fuel Type _____	Natural Gas
	Temperature _____	0 degrees F to 104 degrees F
<b><u>Outputs</u></b>		
	Power Output _____	5kW
	Voltage _____	120/240 VAC @ 60Hz
	Noise _____	< 70 dBA@ 1 meter
<b><u>Certifications</u></b>		
	CSA International _____	Fuel Cell System
	UL1741 _____	Power Conditioning Module
	IEEE P1741 _____	Grid Parallel Generation

**Figure 8, Product Specifications**

## Installation Application

[Figure 6](#), above, describes a one line diagram for the Fort Gordon fuel cell installation. The diagram illustrates utility and control interfaces including, gas, power, water and instrumentation devices that will be installed in the adjacent mechanical room of the Technology Resource Center. [Figure 8](#), above, lists the specifications of the Plug Power GenSys5C PEM technology demonstration fuel cell chosen for this site.

Judging from the initial site evaluations, the electrical conduit runs between the facility load panels and the fuel cell will be approximately 15 feet. The Reverse Osmosis/DI water tubing run that provides filtered process water to the power plant will also be 15 feet distance. LOGAN had planned to demonstrate fuel cell waste heat recovery and integration into the host site as a part of this project. Unfortunately, the late venue change from the Commander's residence to the University Resource Center, which has no appreciable thermal load, precludes that opportunity. Data logging and resources management will be accomplished with the Connected Energy communications package in [Figure 7](#) above.

The fuel cell inverter has a power output of 110/120 VAC at 60 Hz, matching the building distribution panel in the mechanical room with its connected loads at 110/120 VAC. The installation includes both a grid parallel and a grid independent configuration described above in [Figures 2 and 3](#). The unit will provide stand-by power to a new 50amp critical load panel that will supply emergency power to the server loads in the Technology Resource Center. This will assure that University students stationed across the earth will have continuous access to the on-line lesson plans maintained in the Center. A two-pole wattmeter will monitor both the grid parallel and grid independent conductors to record fuel cell power distribution to both the existing panel and the new critical load panel.

LOGAN will connect the fuel cell to the existing natural gas service piping seen in [Figure 2](#) above. A new gas meter will be installed on the service line to the fuel cell to independently calculate fuel cell gas consumption. To complete the installation a regulator at the fuel cell gas inlet will maintain the correct operating pressure at 14 inches water column.

A phone line connection with the fuel cell modem provides communications with Plug Power and LOGAN customer support functions.

The installation will follow an approved plan that will insure minimal inconvenience to the base or the host site.

## Permitting

LOGAN will work closely with the Fort Gordon Directorate of Public Utilities to insure that the installation will conform to all environmental requirements. At this point only a digging permit will be required to proceed with the installation.

## ***Start-up and Commissioning***

The first start should occur by mid March 2004. Prior to starting the unit, LOGAN technicians will closely adhere to the Installation Checklist items covered in [Figure 9](#), below. In addition all items in the Commissioning Checklist, listed in Figure 10 below, will be followed insure smooth and reliable performance before the technician departs the site.

Service incidents and facility calls will be reported on the sample Service Call Report form listed below as [Figure 11](#).

An Economic Analysis of the Fort Gordon AFB project appears in [Figure 12](#) below.

## ***Installation Check List***

<b>TASK</b>	<b>SIGN</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME(hrs)</b>
Batteries Installed			
Stack Installed			
Stack Coolant Installed			
Air Purged from Stack Coolant			
Radiator Coolant Installed			
Air Purged from Radiator Coolant			
J3 Cable Installed			
J3 Cable Wiring Tested			
Inverter Power Cable Installed			
Inverter Power Polarity Correct			
RS 232 /Modem Cable Installed			
DI Solenoid Cable Installed with Diode			
Natural Gas Pipe Installed			
DI Water / Heat Trace Installed			
Drain Tubing Installed			

**Figure 9, Installation Check List**

## ***Commissioning Check List***

<b>TASK</b>	<b>SIGN</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME (hrs)</b>
Controls Powered Up and Communication OK			
SARC Name Correct			
Start-Up Initiated			
Coolant Leak Checked			
Flammable Gas Leak Checked			
Data Logging to Central Computer			
System Run for 8 Hours with No Failures			

**Figure 10, Commissioning Check List**



## Service Call Report

### SERVICE CALL REPORT

System Serial #: \_\_\_\_\_

### SYSTEM INFORMATION

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose of Service Call ☐ Repair ☐ Maintenance ☐ ECN (Check all that apply)

Date

Time

Date/Time shutdown

\_\_\_\_\_

### MAINTENANCE / REPAIR INFORMATION

Service Tech Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Travel Man-hours: \_\_\_\_\_

Troubleshooting Man-hrs: \_\_\_\_\_

Repair Man-hours: \_\_\_\_\_

Spare Part Delay Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Performed: \_\_\_\_\_

Technician \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

### FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

Date	Description of Problem	Rpt #	Initials

Figure 11, Service Call Report



## Ft Gordon, GA PEM Fuel Cell Economic Analysis

### Estimated Project Utility Rates

1) Water (per 1,000 gallons)	\$1.69
2) Electricity (per KWH)	\$0.0651
3) Natural gas ( per MCF)	\$6.25

### Estimated First Cost

<i>Plug Power 5 kW GenSys5C</i>	\$65,000
<i>Shipping</i>	\$2,800
<i>Installation electrical</i>	\$2,275
<i>Installation mechanical</i>	\$0
<i>Watt Meter, Instrumentation, Web Package</i>	\$9,650
<i>Site Prep, labor materials</i>	\$925
<i>Technical Supervision</i>	\$8,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$89,150</b>

### Assume Five Year Simple Payback

**\$17,830**

Forecast Operating Expenses	Volume	\$/Hr	\$/ Yr
<i>Natural Gas</i>			
<i>Mcf/hr @ 2.5kW</i>	<i>0.032838</i>	<i>\$0.21</i>	<i>\$1,618</i>
<i>Water</i>			
<i>Gals/Yr</i>	<i>4918</i>		<i><u>\$8.31</u></i>

### Add Total Annual Operating Costs

**\$1,626**

### Total Annual Costs (Ammortization + Expenses)

**\$19,456**

### Economic Summary

<i>Forecast Annual kWH</i>	<i>19710</i>	
<i>Annual Cost of Operating Power Plant</i>	<i>\$0.0825</i>	kWH
<i>Credit Annual Thermal Recovery</i>	<i>0</i>	kWH
<i>Project Net Operating Cost</i>	<i>\$0.0825</i>	kWH
<i>Ammount Available for Financing</i>	<i>(\$0.0174)</i>	kWH
<i>Add 5 Yr Ammortization Cost / kWH</i>	<i>\$0.9046</i>	kWH

### Demonstration Cost to the Local Command

**\$0.0825 kWH**

### Current Demo Program Cost Assuming 5 Yr Simple Payback

**\$0.9871 kWH**

*\*\*NOTE\*\*Does not include allowance for cell stack life cycle costs or service over 5 year economic senario*

**Figure 12, Economic Analysis**

## Project POC List

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**Figure 13, Project POCs**

## Site Location

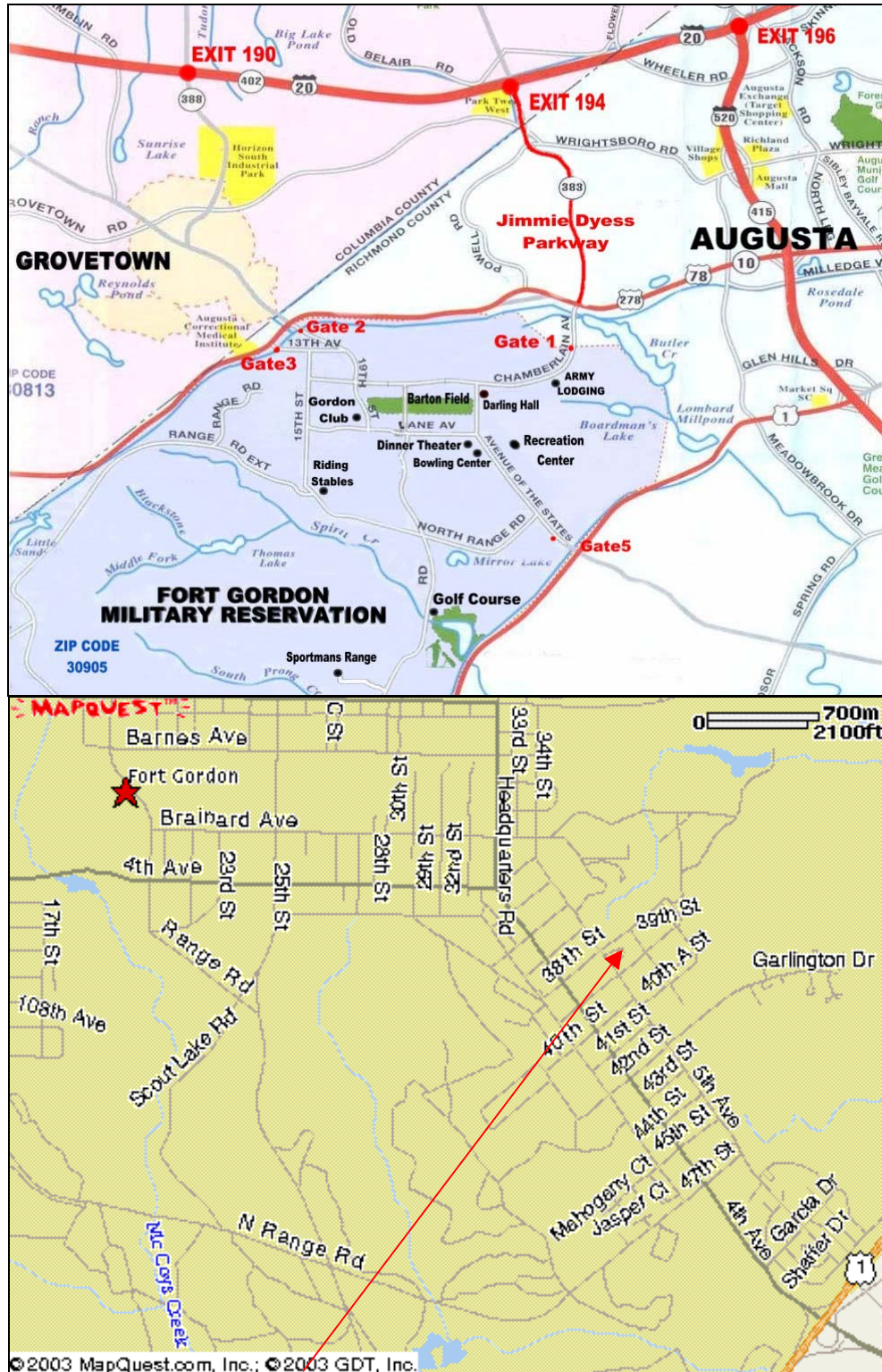


Figure 14, Fort Gordon Fuel Cell Site Location

# Installation Safety Plan

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<b>Project Description</b> Ft Gordon Fuel Cell Demonstration Project...Electrical and Mechanical Installation of Plug Power GenSys5C 5kW PEM Fuel Cell Power Plant .		<b>Activity Date</b> Months of Feb/March 2004
<b>Installation Site</b> Army University of Technology Resource Center, Building 40201 Fort Gordon, GA	<b>Project Manager</b> LOGANEnergy Corp. 1080 Holcomb Br Rd 100 Roswell Summit, Suite 175, Roswell, GA 30076	<b>Prepared By</b> Samuel Logan, Jr. <b>Date</b> 01/31/04

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<b>Project Contractors</b> LOGANEnergy	<b>Other Personnel</b> See POC List Above	<b>Specialized Equipment for Tasks</b> Fork Truck, Thermal Welder, Power Drill, Various Power Tools

Installation /Construction			
Tasks		Perils	Mitigation
1. Hand Trench 10 feet 1/2" NG Line		Cut/damage other buried utilities, conduit, lines	Locate and Mark buried utilities before trenching.
2. Hand trench 15' water line.		Cut/damage other buried utilities, conduit, lines	Practice correct tie-in techniques, use trained personnel.
3. Offload 2,200 PEM Fuel Cell		Damage Equipment, harm/injure personnel.	Use trained equipment operators with trained observers.
4. Electrical/Mechanical Installation		Electric Shock to personnel. Injury or harm working with power tools.	Use "LOTO" procedures; avoid working "HOT" circuits Use trained personnel on all installation tasks.
5. Initial Start of Equipment		Damage Equipment, harm/injure personnel.	Use factory trained personnel, follow procedures.
6. Maintain General Site Conditions		Unkempt Site...Danger to residents and visitors.	Remove loose materials, tools, police site at end of each day. Place yellow caution ribbon around installation/work areas.
7. Maintain Safe Work Environment		Injury, loss of equipment, materials, customer dissatisfaction, loss of time and money.	Manager's Representative to encourage safe practices by all contractor personnel; critique unsafe practices; and lead by example.
8. Personnel Safety		Head, hand and foot injury.	Construction/installation crews shall wear appropriate personal protective gear while performing job site tasks.

Figure 15, Safety Plan